

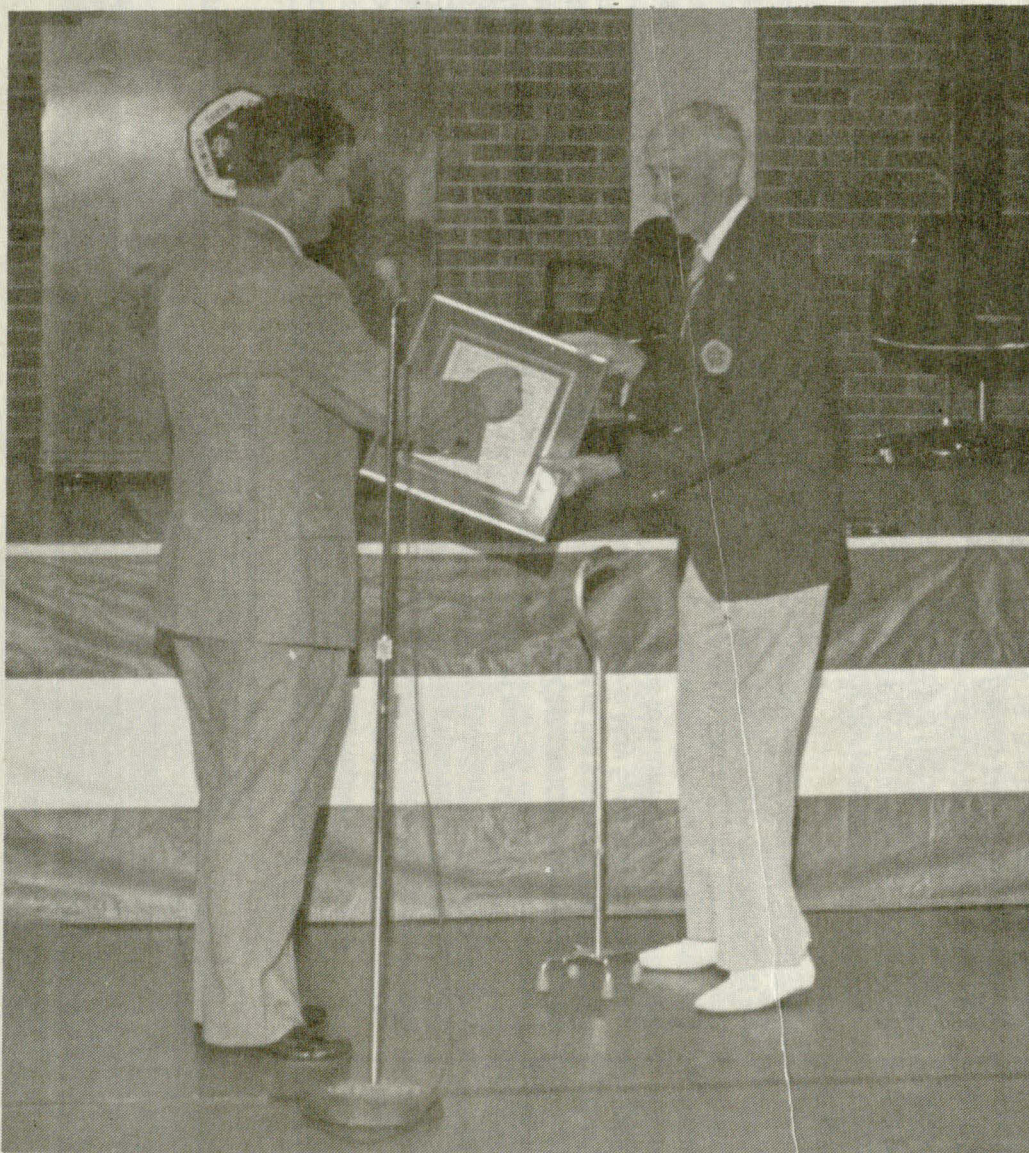
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Moyer honored

Clifford A. Moyer, original and former Executive Director of the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy, was presented on May 19, 1989, with a special resolution adopted by the Law Enforcement Training Council on April 12, 1989. The resolution, presented by Academy Executive Director Rick Johnson, was in recognition of Mr. Moyer's leadership at the Academy and his many contributions to the law enforcement community in South Carolina from 1968 until 1982.

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Basic
instruction

John Murphy lectures to students during a basic training class for law enforcement officers during a recent classroom session at the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy.

Academy Photo/John Williams

S.C. Legislation approves revision of Training Act

The S.C. Legislature has approved a major revision of the state law mandating training for law enforcement officers in the state, and the bill will be assigned into law by Gov. Carroll Campbell on June 26. The law becomes effective on July 1, 1989.

The revision of the Training Act — the law that requires training — provides a more flexible and streamlined system, making South Carolina's law enforcement capabilities some of the best in the country.

The changes are some of the most sweeping revisions since creation of the Training Act in the early 1970s and were approved earlier by the Training Council, the academy's governing board. The changes, some of which begin immediately, also were endorsed by numerous law enforcement organizations statewide.

INSERVICE TRAINING

One of the most notable additions to

the Academy's training roster is the opportunity for law enforcement to take advantage of an inservice program as part of the newly installed recertification process.

The inservice training division is being designed to dispatch Academy personnel throughout the state. Law enforcement agencies may be incorporated into a variety of course material for recertification requirements. Some of the topics being developed for the various agencies include:

- Legal updates.
- Breathalyzer certification and recertification.
- Radar certification.
- Accident reconstruction and investigations.
- Traffic law updates.

LOCAL AGENCY TRAINING

In addition to the inservice material

being offered by the Academy, the Training Council is now authorized to validate other programs utilized by various law enforcement agencies, whereby these courses may be credited toward recertification.

According to Academy Director Walter J. "Rick" Johnson, there are a variety of recognized training programs already in place which could be considered for validation, including the FBI National Academy or its alumni associates, IPTM, Northwestern Traffic Institute, Southern Police Institute, and the National Sheriff's Institute.

Additionally, local law enforcement organizations also may sponsor specific training programs which the council could consider for validation.

Further, the council also is now authorized to validate certain inservice programs already in effect within various law enforcement agencies. ■

NEW TRAINING ACT AMENDMENTS

Recently enacted amendments to the Training Act — South Carolina's official police training law — becomes law for all officers on July 1.

The sweeping revisions were passed by the Senate and House of Representatives in May and will be signed into law by Governor Carroll Campbell on June 26. The changes bring about a major streamlining and restructuring of service to the state's law enforcement agencies.

The restructured Training Act will impact significantly in several major areas, including:

BASIC TRAINING: The law will require an officer to complete successfully a firearms qualifications course approved by the Training Council before being allowed to perform law enforcement duties. As stated under the old law, officers still must attend and successfully complete Academy basic training within a year of the officer's employment.

ADMISSIONS AND TRAINING: The new law now significantly tightens standards for admission and training, including a provision prohibiting admission for anyone who has been convicted of a crime punishable by more than one year. The law will also require an applicant to the Academy to provide evidence of good moral character.

Additionally, the original law provided a "grandfather" provision whereby officers actively employed in law enforcement in South Carolina prior to enactment of the training law did not face mandatory attendance to the Academy. However, that provision has been deleted from the amended act. With further grandfathering not being allowed, certification for all officers now will expire after years or would end with termination. Officers presently certified would need recertification in 1991 on the day the certification was issued.

THE TRAINING COUNCIL: Under provisions of the amended act, the Training Council is authorized to promulgate rules to enforce, suspend, revoke, or restrict certification. Further, the Council is authorized to require a specific format for employment information and continued training for certification.

FINES AND BOND FORFEITURES: Funding for implementation of the revised act will come from additional revenue generated from the following fine and bond surcharges:

\$6.00

Fines or forfeitures up to and including \$99.00.

\$25.00

Fines or forfeitures up to and including \$200.00.

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Work with S.C. General Assembly on Training Act a learning experience

The task of working with the S.C. General Assembly was a learning experience for everyone involved from the Academy. The hours were long, but the experiences and contacts were beneficial; and the overall outcome has been a tremendous success.



JOHNSON

My hat is off to the various members of the Legislature for the time taken to analyze our requests, hear our concerns, and work with us in effecting a meaningful training requirement for our law enforcement agencies. Particular appreciation is extended to the bill's principal author, Rep. David Wilkins, as well as to Governor Carroll Campbell and his staff, and the 42 co-sponsors from the House of Representatives.

Additionally, all members of the House 3M Committee expended a great deal of effort to make the legislation meaningful. Rep. Joe E. Brown, chairman of the Military and Public Affairs subcommittee of the 3M Committee, in conjunction

RICK JOHNSON

Executive Director

with Representatives Mickey Burris and James E. Lockemy spent several hours constructing amendments to make for a better piece of legislation.

Finally, thanks must be extended to Sen. Marshall Williams who championed the cause of the bill through the Judiciary Committee and later onto and through the Senate Floor.

The amended Training Act becomes law on July 1, 1989, with some sweeping innovations that sheriffs and chiefs have told me have been needed for a long time. Foremost on the immediate horizon is the inservice training that now will be taken from the Academy out to the field. We have begun a concentration on specific inservice needs, delivery of services, and other requirements.

With this enhanced legislation, training will be the by-word for South Carolina's law enforcement

officers. In addition to the excellent basic education provided to the new officer, experienced officers now can be provided the most up-to-date information and then recertified in order to guarantee the maximum in professionalism.

My appreciation also is to be extended to the sheriffs, police chiefs, county and municipal officials, various law enforcement associations, and members of our own Training Council for the assistance provided in contacting and working with our senators and House members. It is clear to me that the amended Training Act would not have been a reality without the hands-on assistance from everyone.

In this issue, you'll get a glimpse of the overall new Training Act, including some of the initial provisions that the Academy is prepared to offer. In future issues, additional innovations will be presented and discussed. We invite your comments and ideas, because we realize that new and better ways of providing training don't happen by accident. It takes the input from all interested parties if we are to remain equal with training provided in other states. ■

AMENDMENTS: New law detailed

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PENALTIES: The new law also provides the Training Council with authority to require compliance with the act's training mandates. The Council is now authorized to bring a civil action against a sheriff or appropriate municipal office for injunctive relief should deliberate compliance not be documented. Violations could result in the imposition by a judge of appropriate jurisdiction of a \$1,500.00 civil penalty. The penalty could be imposed against the sheriff or municipal officer (police chief, city manager, or person responsible for law enforcement administration). Decisions of the court would be appealable to the Court of Common Pleas in Richland County.

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National Guard helps construct firing range

The S.C. Criminal Justice Academy's newest addition to its firing range facilities is now a step closer to use, thanks to work for the second year in a row by the National Guard's 122nd Engineering Battalion.

Again, this year, approximately 30 National Guardsmen and more than 20 pieces of heavy-duty equipment toiled during a two-week training period over a 100-acre plot of land next to the handgun firing range. Equipment ran the gamut from air compressors, to motor graders, dump trucks and backhoes.

Guardsmen cleared bedrock and moved a huge volume of dirt in order to construct berms for the balance of firing ranges that they had begun last year during similar operations.

With completion of the Guard's work, it is anticipated that the newest



A new weapons firing range under construction at the Academy is expected to be ready for use by 1990. The National Guard's 122nd Engineering Battalion, for the second consecutive year, toiled on the 100-acre plot of land from May 6-20.

firing range facilities could be ready for use by Fiscal Year 1990. When completed, the new site is designed to accommodate 60 shooting positions for handguns and automatic weapons as well as a number of additional shotgun positions.

The Guard unit, hailing from Saluda and Edgefield counties, encamped at the Academy site from May 6-20, working around-the-clock to complete their assignment. Guardsmen ate their morning and evening meals at the Academy.

Your comments appreciated

Readers are invited to offer their comments on happenings affecting law enforcement work.

Letters to the editor on law enforcement subjects are invited and will be considered for publication in the regular issues of *The Criminal Justice Chronicle*.

AROUND THE ACADEMY

FTO PROGRAM

Law agencies to benefit from program

Soon, Mike Lanier will set forth implementing a statewide program that he believes will improve the performance of law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

The Field Training Officers program is expected to begin in September and Lanier, an instructor at the Academy who has spent a number of years in the field, is getting ready.

"The FTO program is a model field training program that will be given to departments in the field," said Lanier. "We are hoping to standardize the program so that most officers will get the same training across the board. With the evaluation process, we hope to identify those who should not be in law enforcement. We hope to improve the ability of those hired by departments."

The Academy's main goal is to help departments educate their personnel and reduce liability, according to Lanier. "With the FTO program, we want to show take departments steps to insure their officers are capable of doing the job before placing them in a solo capacity on the street.

"Some departments have pre-service training programs, others do not," said Lanier. "Others wait or depend on the Academy for the basic training of their law enforcement officers. What the FTO program is designed to do is to help supplement those departments that have no pre-service training program by putting the officers into the FTO program first, prior to coming to the Academy so they receive some training before they go out on the street in a solo capacity.

"Ones that do have pre-service programs, or those departments that send their personnel to the Academy first, before they put them on the street, the FTO program will allow them the opportunity of reinforcing the academic training in a field environment."

The first session is to be held in the Charleston-area and later will expand to departments statewide. Eventually every officer in the state will have the opportunity to complete the program if the departments desire.

One of the benefits of the program is its pre-selection, weeding out process. Lanier said each officer is nominated by his supervisor to participate in the program. "The potential FTO would be judged on his past work performance, interpersonal skills, knowledge of the job itself and verbal skills."

The officer and recruit would work together for a period of 14 weeks (560 hours), that being the optimum length of time. No minimum standard has been set. Due to various needs of departments, a shorter version with less time will be an option, Lanier said.

Big-ticket item



Unmarked Mustangs have aided the Highway Patrol's effort to crack down on speeders on the roadways of South Carolina. Since December, the cars have been averaging 70 violations per month compared to 35 per month for marked patrol cars. The Mustangs have accounted for over 28,000 violations since going into service last October.

Living life on the edge

Lanier carries on childhood dream

Ever since Mike Lanier was a boy he wanted a career in law enforcement. That can be attributed to his father, a policeman in the small town of Branchville.

"I remember when I was six or seven years old, my father used to put me in a patrol car and take me for rides," said Lanier, now an instructor at the Criminal Justice Academy. "That's how I became interested in it. I decided then that's what I wanted to do."

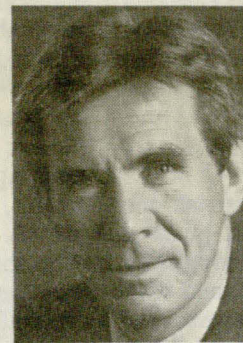
But first, Lanier had to serve two years in the Army. It is an experience he would rather not talk about today.

He is more apt to tell you stories of his career in law enforcement, a career that spans 16 years. He has been shot at several times. Hit once — by his partner. That was an experience he says was a "pain in the rear."

The latter shooting was the most humorous, at least now. Then it was a bit painful. "My partner's gun accidentally discharged and hit me in the side and the bullet came out my rear. That was a 38 caliber pain in the rear," he said with a laugh.

In 1976 or '77, Lanier said he was involved in his first civilian shooting incident. "There was an armed robbery and we had a stakeout at a liquor store. The guy came out waving a gun and I had to shoot him. He was not badly hurt," noted Lanier.

A couple years later, Lanier was involved in a more serious incident. "A CCI guard had taken an inmate to the dentist. The individual somehow



MIKE LANIER

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fashioned a knife out of a needle. He went to the bathroom, stabbed the guard and got the guard's weapon. The inmate then held the guard hostage and came out of the dentist office pointing a gun at the guard. I challenged him. The guard broke away, both fell away. The inmate then pointed the gun at the guard like he was going to fire. I shot but did not kill him."

During his 16-year law enforcement career, Lanier has undoubtedly worsened the day of many who strayed afar of the right side of the tracks. He has also helped preserve law and order, like any good cop.

Lanier, now 36, served in the Army from 1971-73 and is still active in the Army reserves. He joined the Columbia Police Department in 1974 where he worked 10 years in various positions.

When he left the department to join the Academy six years ago, Lanier held the position of Sergeant in Charge of Special Operations.

At the Academy, Lanier will head

the Field Training Officers program which the Academy hopes to implement in September. Lanier believes the program will be successful and hopefully will improve law enforcement in South Carolina.

Lanier resides in Columbia with his wife, Camille, and his two sons by a previous marriage, Devin and Blaine.

In between work at the Academy and spending time with his family, Lanier finds time to relax on the golf course. When he speaks of that, there is a gleam in his eye. It is his escape. "It is very relaxing. I've only been playing three years. John Williams (an instructor at the Academy) got me started and now I usually try to play a couple times a week," Lanier said, noting that he now sports a 9-handicap.

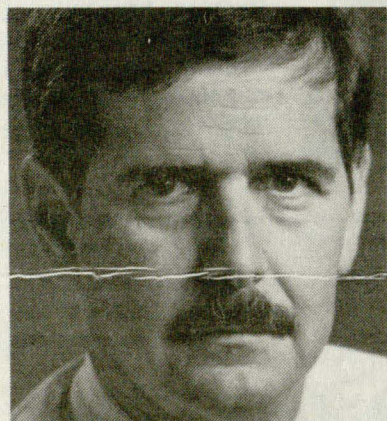
Like his father, Mike Lanier has made law enforcement his career. John Lanier retired two years ago.

The younger Lanier hasn't started counting the days yet, his work still unfinished. ■

ACADEMY PROFILES

Randy Thomas

Official hoping to bring state into high-tech world of traffic accident investigation



Randy Thomas has been an instructor at the Academy since March and already he is living life in the fast lane.

He'll be doing that for another month or so and then things will slow down a bit. That's when Thomas can get back to his desk job of developing a course in traffic accident investigation at the Academy.

Thomas believes that going out on calls with the Highway Patrol in its supercharged Mustangs has been an invaluable experience and should help him when it comes time to develop the course which he hopes to implement in January 1990.

"It's been good training," said Thomas, who came to the Academy after five and half years with the Richland County Sheriff's Department. "The patrolmen are giving me exposure to all of it. I work every wreck they send us to. The first one out was a fatality."

In September Thomas will attend the Institute of Police Technology Management in Jacksonville, Fla., so he can "establish some kind of level of expertise" in South Carolina.

"Right now, if you want to get any kind of traffic investigation training, other than the basics, you've got to leave South Carolina and go to either IPTM or Northwestern University," he said.

Thomas is hoping to simplify a complex task so that statewide law agencies can improve their performance in traffic accident investigations. "Basically, what I'm trying to do is get it down to the working level of the average

police officer, like calculating speed from skid marks. It's really not as complicated as it looks. But we hope to get that out to the field so that any police officer, one with training we can provide him, can at least do a thorough job investigating an accident."

As the Southeast continues to enjoy continued economic growth, the number of traffic accidents will increase. Thus, the need for advanced training.

"South Carolina is getting to have a fairly atrocious highway safety record," said Thomas. "I grew up in Florida and saw that area grow. Now, South Carolina and the whole Southeast is growing and that pretty much is predicated as to the density and population increase. The road system was not designed for that."

Since Thomas began at the Academy, he has been given a free rein to work on the highway safety funded program. "I've been able to spend 100 percent of my time on it. I look forward to start teaching the course during the first of the year. It will probably start out in an experimental format, with the math probably the toughest for some people."

Thomas is no stranger to teaching, or to law enforcement for that matter. An intelligence officer during the Vietnam War, Thomas received his Baccalaureate in Political Science from Chaminade and Masters in Political Science from the University of South Florida at Tampa.

After receiving his Masters in 1976, Thomas got his start at the Tampa Police Department when a friend approached him about beginning a planning and research unit at the department. He accepted, thinking it would be a good challenge. It was. Later, he ran the department's crime analysis unit and also taught courses at the Tampa Police Academy.

Thomas expanded his law enforcement career at Richland County where he says he cracked some "interesting" murder cases. As an investigator for four years, he specialized in child abuse and

gangs. For a year and a half prior to that, he was a road deputy.

"Law enforcement is interesting in that no two situations are the same. If you like people, it's a good people job. There's a lot of boring things, not like TV. If it does get interesting, it get interesting rather quickly."

Things got interesting, rather quickly for Thomas one memorable night. "I got shot at right here in Richland County. I went four years in Tampa and never got shot at," he said with a laugh.

"We were out on gang suppression one night. We found the gang about the same time the shooting took place. We drove up right in the middle of it, bullets flying all over the place. They weren't shooting at us, they were shooting at each other. We didn't get hit, but the intended victim got hit, the fourth time he had been shot in three months. That was an interesting evening, especially since 45 minutes prior to that we said nothing's gonna happen tonight."

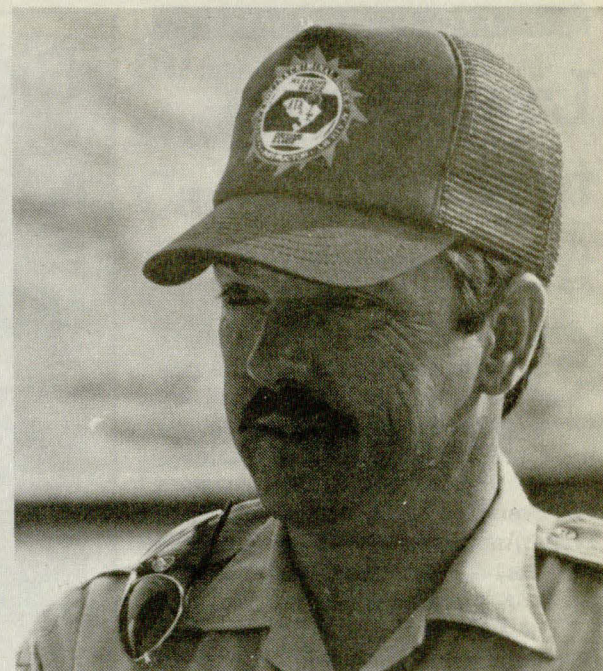
After five and a half years of being shot at, solving murder cases and working around the clock, Thomas decided it was time for a change. He had lectured at USC and discovered he was drawn to that profession.

The environment and benefits of the Academy helped lure Thomas away from full-time law enforcement. The Academy's more stable working hours and an opportunity to impart knowledge were most attractive.

Thomas' wife, Charlotte, a research associate in the College of Criminal Justice at USC, was also excited about the prospects of a more normal lifestyle, he said. For years she had worked in law enforcement and recently opted for a career in academics.

As Thomas embarks on a new challenge, he hopes that his experience in murder investigations will come in handy. "I had some really interesting cases, some whodunnits," he said. "Often, I figured out who did it."

Thomas hopes to get the same results in his traffic accident investigation course. ■



Ronnie Roberts

Academy instructor making most of late start in law enforcement

Ronnie Roberts got a late start in law enforcement, but at age 42, he's making up for lost time.

Roberts was recently hired as an instructor at the Criminal Justice Academy, a position he coveted since beginning a law enforcement career 14 years ago.

He may be on his way to achieving a career goal now, but years ago Roberts was happiest in the construction business. Today, you can thank seven cold, slow winters and a couple of law officers that influenced Roberts in choosing a new career.

"When I was working construction in Lexington County, construction life got kind of slow during the winter months and I got kind of tired of looking for work," recalled Roberts, who worked in construction from 1968-75. "Two people influenced me as far as looking into the police field. Leonard Catoe, who was a city police officer in the town of Kershaw, where I grew up, was one of the first friends of mine who was a police officer."

"Later, I got into playing softball very seriously. We traveled all around the country and I eventually ran into Lt. Bobby Mickle from the Camden Police Department, another guy who was influential in me deciding. He's since retired because of his health. He was a super person and would be at a lot of the tournaments umpiring the ballgames. We got personal some times and he told me, 'Why don't you try police work. I believe you would be a good police officer.' I was 28 at the time."

Roberts left the construction business determined to pursue this new-found goal and through Mickle heard of an opening in the City of Lancaster Police Department. He was hired and soon, his heart was sold on a new profession.

At Lancaster, Roberts was taken under the wing of the late Chief of Police Andrew McKown. "He was the man that hired me and was a big driving force behind how I acted. He was a super person and was a super Christian. He meant a lot to me, as far as guiding me early on," Roberts said. McKown died in

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ACADEMY PROFILES

Dot Miller

Administrative assistant relishes her role behind the scenes

For someone who doesn't like being the center of attention, Dot Miller is in the middle of everything.

An administrative assistant, Miller has been an essential cog in the workings of the Academy for the past 10 years. She will celebrate her 11th anniversary at the school in July.

Her dislike of the limelight can be traced to childhood. "I don't know why I'm like that. I was always like that as a child," she says of her days growing up in the small town of Hemingway.

Miller takes pride in her work behind the scenes. She strives to be a perfectionist. "My No. 1 job here is setting schedules. I schedule classes for all the agencies that use the Academy facilities and schedule all eat-ins and sleep-ins. I'm usually one or two years ahead of everyone else. I've done all the schedules until 1990 and I'm ready to do part of 1991," she says with pride in her voice.

"I've got to say in that particular part of my job there's not a margin for error. I don't think once or twice since I've been here where I didn't have a class on the books that should have been there. Occasionally, you have people show up at the last minute. You just have to accommodate them the best you can. At the Academy, we are here to take care of and accommodate the Criminal Justice agencies and students. That's my No. 1 job. They come first, above everything. That's important."

Her various job duties over the years

have included taking care of reservations and statistics, in addition to being in charge of the telephone switchboard and telephones. Recently, she was given the job of overseeing the mailroom. "I keep account of every student that's been here," she says.

"The portion I take care of is whether that body was here and how many days he was here and the number of students here. I also keep an accurate account of how many classes we have, what they are, how many students attended and days they attended."

She admits that she is a troubleshooter. "In my job lots of things can become disorganized. It's my job to make sure that everything is organized and going as planned."

With her many responsibilities, does Miller consider herself irreplaceable? "I don't know about that," she says with a laugh. "I do know that there's nobody trained that could walk in and take over my job. Sometimes I wish I had more help."

With everything Miller is involved in, one might imagine her screaming for assistance. But that is not the case. She'll be the first to admit that her job is a labor of love. "I do it because I love it. My philosophy is to do what you can do, the best you can."

Miller's tireless devotion to the Academy and to life in general have been rewarding to those around her. Her additional duties, besides cheerfully directing lost souls around the school, are to organize and set up for



DOT MILLER

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Academy graduations, receptions and retirement parties.

In her spare time she directs weddings. "I'm a florist by heart," she admits. "I do weddings and I used to cater. But I don't do so much of that anymore. Between decorating for the wedding and making the bridesmaids' and the bride's bouquets, directing it and trying to take care of the inside of the church, I don't have time to cater. It was a lot easier when my twin daughters were home. They loved it and could help me (cater). Now, neither one helps me."

She confesses that she used to tirelessly spend her vacation and leave time doing weddings. "And it wasn't for money. I did it because I love it. If they gave me a gift, fine. If they didn't it was OK, too."

Much of Miller's formative years were spent on the Grand Strand, a short drive from her home in Hemingway. That's where she developed her first love — dancing. "I traveled with a little Christian drama troupe for a while. I did stage dancing when I was a young girl. The pastor at our church put together a group that did dramas. In fact, I got out of many exams by doing drama on stage," she said, noting that the group performed

in different towns.

On weekends she would shag the night away in Myrtle Beach. She learned so well that years later she taught classes at Arthur Murray School of Dance to help put her husband through college.

"It was a lot of fun back then," she says. "It was good clean fun. I spent a good many weekends down there at friends' houses and would shag all the time. Myrtle Beach was nothing like it is now. Back then there was no pavilion and was not so commercialized."

That was nearly 40 years ago. Today, as one might guess Miller is too busy to devote much time to her first love — dancing.

Miller's other love, husband Roy and she were married 36 years ago, nearly two weeks before her high school graduation.

A few months later, Roy was transferred to an Army post in Germany where they stayed for two years. Dutifully, Dot followed Roy wherever he was stationed.

The Millers eventually settled in Columbia and after holding a few secretarial jobs, Dot landed a job at the

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ROBERTS: Academy instructor late-bloomer in law enforcement

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a boating mishap in the late 1970s.

Roberts obtained the rank of sergeant before leaving the force to go back to college. After receiving his two-year associate degree in criminal justice, he was hired by USC-Lancaster to head its law enforcement safety program. In 1986, Roberts was named chief of police at the USC-Columbia campus where he stayed until April 1989 upon accepting a job on the firing and driving range at the Academy.

Roberts isn't content to remain idle. Although he intends to stay at the Academy for many years, he would like one day to be a chief of police in a

city. "I would like to take my goals and outlook on life to a city, maybe take one that's got a bad morale problem and do some positive things."

Wherever he goes, Roberts is determined to be a positive force to those around him. "I'm glad to be here at the Academy, proud to be where I am and proud of all the things I've accomplished," he said.

"I like people around me to be like I am. I don't like sour faces, sour attitudes. I don't see any reason to be like that. At USC, we turned their morale around quite a bit. A lot of them didn't want to see me leave and I didn't really want to go but I figured

that this would be a good move for me at the time. I've made a lot of friends every place I've been and I plan on making more."

That is a philosophy that has gotten Roberts far in life. In Lancaster, before the birth of their son, Michael, the Robertses served as foster parents and were active in youth work in their church.

But after several years and 13 foster children, the Robertses could take no more. "It was so heartbreaking to take them out of homes where they had been abused and put them right back into that home. We were short-term foster care. We did it for awhile but we

couldn't take it any longer. The last little kid was 18 months old and his mother had broken his arm. He was in a cast when they brought him to us. He had a four-year-old brother and it turns out the four-year-old was changing the baby's diapers. The mother would go off and leave those two at the house alone and come back on dope. One time, she broke the baby's arm. They tried her in family court and the judge gave the kid back to her."

Since Michael came along, the Robertses have not had much time to devote to youth work. When Ronnie does find spare time, he likes to hunt and fish, play softball and tinker on his new personal computer. ■

LAW ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE

J.P. Strom
Award
winners

Jerry S. Daniels Jr. (center) of the Goose Creek Police Department receives the J.P. Strom Award from Academy Executive Director Rick Johnson and Goose Creek Chief Richard P. Ruonala.



Officer Patricia McDonald (center) of the Greenville County Sheriff's Department receives the J.P. Strom Award and the Top Shooter Award from Criminal Justice Academy Executive Director Rick Johnson (right) and Major Earl Barnett of the Greenville County Sheriff's Department.

50 high school
students attend
Cadet Academy

More than 50 rising high school seniors converged here June 10-16 for the South Carolina Cadet Law Enforcement Academy.

Students were selected by local American Legion chapters in South Carolina to attend the weeklong program, sponsored by the American Legion, the Governor's Office, the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy, and various federal, state and local law enforcement agencies statewide. While in Columbia, the students stayed in the Academy.

The Cadet Law Enforcement Academy program provides students interested in criminal justice careers with hands-on experiences involving various law enforcement agencies. While at the weeklong sessions, students elected a Chief and Deputy Chief, observed special law enforcement demonstrations, participated in criminal justice lectures, and toured various criminal justice facilities, as well as viewed special programs provided by officials at Ft. Jackson.

Other organizations participating in the program included: the U.S. Marshal's Office, the FBI, University of South Carolina, U.S. Secret Service, USC's Fellowship of Christian Athletes, S.C. Highway Patrol, S.C. Department of Youth Services, S.C. Wildlife and Marine Resources Department, Columbia Police Department, Richland County Sheriff's Department, S.C. Department of Corrections, and the S.C. Electric and Gas Company.

ACADEMY BRIEFS

Marijuana Eradication
seminar held recently

A one-day seminar on Marijuana Eradication was held recently at the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy.

The seminar on May 23 addressed:

- Domestic marijuana eradication — an overview.
- 1989 S.C. Eradication Campaign — methods of operation.
- National guard and civil air patrol resources.
- Get offensive — Governor's raid team participation.

The South Carolina Marijuana Eradication Program has been ranked as one of the best in the nation for the past three years because of cooperation and assistance of the Sheriffs and Police Departments in the state.

This year the South Carolina National Guard and Civil Air Patrol will join the Marijuana Eradication Team.

The resources of these agencies will greatly enhance the statewide effort and for the first time will allow state law departments to schedule marijuana eradication flights in a cost free, timely manner using Civil Air Patrol resources.

500 law officials attend
Grand Jury seminar

Approximately 500 South Carolina law enforcement officials attended a "Statewide Grand Jury Seminar" recently.

The half-day seminar, held May 9-12 at various locations around the state, provided law enforcement officers and prosecutors with an overview of the new State Grand Jury Act and its impact on drug obscenity investigations and prosecutions.

Some of the topics addressed:

- The State Grand Jury Act.
- Current South Carolina forfeiture

law and procedures.

- Financial investigative techniques.
- Historical investigations.
- Regional narcotics perspective.
- Regional obscenity/pornography perspective.

Instructors were Chief Deputy Attorney General Cameron M. Currie, Assistant Attorney General Tripp Anderson and SLED agents Pete Logan, Worth Wells and Paul Atencio.

The seminars were held at Greenville Technical College, Trident Technical College in Charleston, Florence-Darlington Technical College and the Department of Youth Services in Columbia.

Asset Forfeiture session
hosted by Academy

The S.C. Criminal Justice Academy in cooperation with the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Police Execu-

tive Research Forum recently hosted a three-day training session on Asset Forfeiture.

The session, held June 6-8, attracted approximately 60 participants. Attendance was limited to administrators, investigators and prosecutors who deal with asset forfeiture matters.

The course was designed to assist state and local agencies in making greater use of South Carolina state laws in seizing illegally acquired assets and also to identify successful methods for sharing with Federal agencies in the forfeiture of assets which they seize.

Topics covered include:

- The generation and flow of illegal money.
- South Carolina forfeiture statutes and case examples.
- Confiscated books and records: Deciphering notations and codes.
- Uncovering hidden assets.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE

J.P. Strom Award winners

S.C. Criminal Justice Executive Director Rick Johnson (right) presents the J.P. Strom Award to Officer Jennifer C. Kindall of the Spartanburg Department of Public Safety.



Paul F. Hartline (center) is presented the J.P. Strom Award by Rick Johnson (left) and Dorchester County Sheriff J.C. Woodberry. Hartline is a member of the Dorchester County Sheriff's Department.



DOT: Work behind the scenes is rewarding

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Academy. To this day, it is a move which she will be forever grateful. Dot and Roy Miller have three grown children — twin girls (now 30) and a son (32). One of the twins has an 11-year-old daughter, who Miller insists, has inherited her grandmother's first love. "She loves dancing, especially clogging," says Miller. "She just had a dance recital and did very well. She's a very dedicated child, much more mature than other children her age."

Miller intends to follow her granddaughter's dance career with an interested eye. In the meantime, she hopes to stay in the background, not planning to push the girl along too fast. She will, of course, be in the middle of it.

You see, Dot Miller is too important not to play a role in almost everything.

3 Charleston officers honored by solicitor

Three Charleston-area police officers were honored recently by 9th Circuit Solicitor Charles M. Condon as officers of the year for 1988.

In making the announcement, Condon praised Charleston Police Capt. Robert H. Roberts, North Charleston Police Sgt. Chris Ross and Mount Pleasant Police Capt. Ronald R. Perry for the investigative work.

MILESTONES

CHARLES P. AUSTIN has been hired as deputy chief of special services by the Columbia Police Department. Austin began his duties June 12. The position had been vacant since February 1988. Austin previously worked 11 years for the State Law Enforcement Division as a narcotics officer and was in charge of security for the governor's mansion. Most recently, Austin served as a major in the Chatham County Police Department in Savannah, Ga.

DERRELL S. YARBOROUGH has been selected "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" by the Lexington County Optimist Club. The award is based on Yarbrough's work in clearing a series of 10 armed robberies last year and early this year.

DENNIS RIVENBARK has joined the city of Bennettsville Police Department as a patrolman. His duties began April 30. Previously, he was in the security police in the U.S. Air

Force.

JOHN LLOYD, a 47-year-old retired police officer from Maryland, has been hired as police chief of Surfside Beach. Lloyd replaces Henry Meeks who resigned in October for medical reasons. Lloyd is a retired lieutenant from the Prince Georges County Police Department in Maryland and has lived in the Surfside Beach area five years.

CHARLES E. TILLOTSON, a former jailer and policeman, has joined the Lyman Public Safety Department. Tillotson worked more than eight years at the Greer Police Department with more than four years as a patrol officer, and the rest as a sergeant in charge of supervising the third shift. For two years before working in Greer, Tillotson worked as a jailer for Spartanburg County.

JOYCE A. KEPHART has been selected Policewoman of the Year by

the Metropolitan Charleston Civitan Club. Ms. Kephart, a 13-year veteran, supervises the countywide school guard crossing program. She is also a member of the department's Traffic Division, DUI Prevention program and SWAT team.

DON CHADWICK resigned as police chief of the town of Campobello effective May 5. Chadwick said he plans to return to the private security business. Prior to becoming the chief in Campobello, Chadwick was the police chief in Cowpens and was a police officer with the Spartanburg force.

GREGORY N. BRADLEY of Inman has become a member of the South Carolina Highway Patrol. Bradley, one of 48 troopers to graduate from the Patrol's basic training school on May 19, has been assigned to Lancaster County.

STACEY J. PRINCE has been hired

by the Edgefield Police Department. Prince, formerly a service technician with Yonce Motor Co., joined the force May 3.

MIKE CROMER, former police chief of Summerton, was named to the same position in the Town of Elloree recently. Cromer replaced Emory Rush, who departed Elloree to become chief investigator with the Dorchester County Sheriff's Department. In Summerton, Cromer held the dual positions of police chief and town manager.

GARRY L. JARRETT of Woodruff has become a member of the S.C. Highway Patrol. He graduated from the Patrol's basic training school on May 19 and has been assigned to Pickens County.

LESLIE D. SMITH of Woodruff has been hired by the S.C. Highway Patrol after completing the Patrol's basic training school. He was assigned to Lancaster County.

15 new sheriffs complete training

Fifteen law enforcement officials from South Carolina completed a 40-hour training course for newly-elected sheriffs at the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy recently.

The five-day course was the result of a Constitutional referendum passed November, 1988, that enacted into law legislation concerning minimum qualifications for sheriffs in South Carolina. The law requires each new sheriff to undergo training in a mandatory sheriff's orientation program.

Previously, there were no training requirements that had to be fulfilled by sheriffs.

The program, developed by Academy Director of Training Bill Gibson, was termed a success. Using experts in the field, the course addressed a number of topics, such as Constitutional Law, Civil Process, Media Relations, Budget Preparation, Administrative Matters and Civil Liability.

Instructors included the Academy's Rick Johnson, Jim Kirby, Paul Banner, John Murphy, Jeanne Hartzog and Leonard Phillips.

Others were SLED spokesman Hugh Munn, S.C. Sheriff's Association Executive Director Jeff Moore, Sheriff Johnny Mack Brown and Earl Barnett from the Greenville County Sheriff's Office; Sheriff James R. Metts and Bob Ford of Lexington County; Steve Medlin and Steve Felsberg of Richland County. The course was conducted May 22-26.

Gibson said he developed the program by study-

ing similar courses used by other states and then tailoring them to the needs of South Carolina. "I looked at the actual needs through talking to sheriffs in this state and from that developed the course that would actually meet the needs of newly elected sheriffs in South Carolina," he said. "If I had to do it over I wouldn't change anything. I felt like it was an extremely good school."

The school was also given high marks by the newly elected sheriffs, said Gibson, noting the highlights of the program were Constitutional Law, Budget Process, Civil Process and Civil Liability. "Those are very important for sheriffs because the average sheriff's department's civil process paperwork load has quadrupled in the manner which he serves papers. The liability that sheriffs have now, such as being sued and so forth is just phenomenal."

Newly-elected sheriffs in attendance were: Charles Goodwin, Abbeville; Gene Taylor, Anderson; Joseph Zorn, Barnwell; David Whetstone, Calhoun; Eddie Chasteen, Colleton; J.C. Woodbury, Dorchester; Samuel Riley, Greenwood; Arlon Small, Horry; Eugene Johnson, Laurens; James Foster, Newberry; Allen Sloan, Richland; Olin Ruston, Saluda; Bill Coffey, Spartanburg; Thomas Mims, Sumter; and George Eaton, York.

Veteran sheriffs Harold Grice of Dillon, Chuck Foley of Marlboro and George Reid of McCormick attended voluntarily.

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